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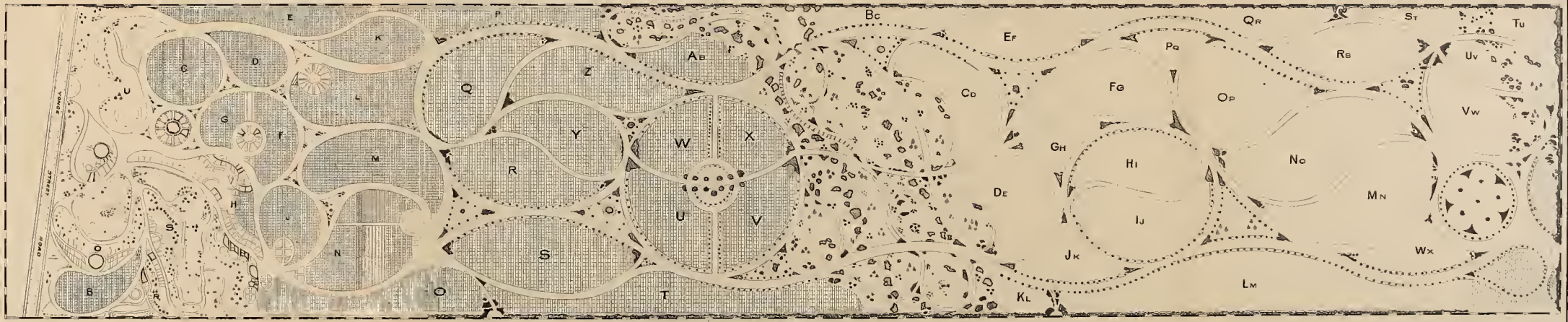
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VIEW FROM SOUTHERN AVENUE—MOUNT PLEASANT.

Historical Sketch.

I like that ancient Saxon phrase, which calls
The burial ground God's Acre. It is just,
It consecrates each grave within its walls,
And breathes a benison o'er the sleeping dust.

—*Longfellow.*

It having become necessary to lay before the public the new Rules and Regulations adopted by the Trustees of The Toronto General Burying Grounds, for the management of the Cemeteries held by them in trust for the public, they deem it wise to place in historical order, the following interesting data in connection with the work of the Trust, extending now over a period of more than half a century. Indeed, the many changes in the personnel of the Trust since its creation, mark, more strongly than almost anything else, how necessary it is to gather up such facts in time, ere those who have a personal knowledge of the matters have passed away "to their quiet rest beneath the daisied sod." It is also but right that those for whose benefit this work is carried on, should know the history of the past, should be acquainted with the workings of the present, and be enabled to sympathise with the aspirations of those who are each year striving to work up to an ideal which will make our burying places what they ever should be—worthy of the living, and beautiful resting places for the dead,—so that it may be said, "It might make one almost in love with death to be buried here." Hallowed such grounds must always be, and surrounded

they ever are with associations so sacred that the world cannot intrude therein. It has always been a pleasure in the past to carry on the Trust, and each year, with zeal and fidelity, the work has advanced. In their quiet graves are now resting many of those who gave their time and attention, willingly and ungrudgingly, as members of the Trust, and to whose sagacity, prudence, and foresight, the public are greatly indebted for the beautiful burying grounds we now possess.

We must now go back to the year 1825, as our starting point, in passing in review the various operations of the Trust, and its history, from a time of "small things" up to its present magnitude; for in this year the first movement was made for a non-sectarian burying ground.

At this date there were only two religious denominations—viz., the Episcopal and Roman Catholic—who were empowered to hold ground for burial purposes, and as unreasonable difficulties very frequently arose in regard to burying strangers in what was called consecrated ground, it was thought advisable to purchase a non-sectarian and non-denominational burying ground, which would prevent any such difficulties from ever arising in the future. The project was warmly taken up by many of the citizens of the then Town of York, or better known by its familiar title of those days, "Muddy Little York," and through their exertions an Act was passed, on the 30th day of January, 1826, on the petition of THOMAS CARFRAE, the younger, and other inhabitants of the Town of York, allowing the said petitioners, as Trustees, permission to purchase a plot of ground, for the purpose of a general burying ground for strangers, as well as for the inhabitants of the town, of whatever sect or denomination they might be, and limiting the amount of land to be so acquired to six acres in the Township of York.

Armed with the necessary authority, the Trustees under the Act at once purchased the six acres of land required, and named it

The Potter's Field.

The land so purchased cost the Trust the sum of seventy-five pounds currency, or $300, the whole amount being raised by subscriptions, in sums in no case exceeding one dollar; and after being fenced, was opened to the public, who largely availed themselves of it, and many of the earlier inhabitants of our City found their resting place within its precincts. The original Trustees have all passed away—they were

PETER PATERSON
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All are well known names in the history of our City, Dr. THOS. D. MORRISON being the third Mayor of Toronto, filling the chair in the year 1836, whilst the others were leaders in the commercial pursuits and activities of the day.

Even as the original Trustees have passed away, so has the first Cemetery of the Trust—there is no longer a Potter's Field. Where the marble column once stood, and the house to receive the departed was once erected, now stand the splendid villas of the living.

It was situated in Yorkville (now Toronto), on the north-west corner of Yonge and Bloor Streets, just outside the limits of the town as then constituted, and when purchased was considered quite in the country.

For over twenty-four years the Potter's Field was the only non-sectarian burying ground in use, and had rapidly filled up. In the meantime, however, the Village of Yorkville had sprung into existence and was fast increasing in population, while the Town of York had grown into the City of Toronto, and building had rapidly extended northward, along Yonge Street, so that it became apparent that the Cemetery of "The Potter's Field" could not, in justice

to the living, be continued. The Trustees, therefore, in 1849, got an Act of Parliament passed, supplemented by another in 1851, increasing the number of Trustees to seven, and granting them power to purchase more land in the Township of York, not exceeding 25 acres.

About this time, the Hon. JOHN MCMURRICH, Mr. A. MCGLASHAN, and Mr. JOHN SHAW, had purchased a piece of ground at the north-east portion of the City, which they opened as a non-sectarian burying ground, under the name of the "Necropolis," and the beauty of the situation as well as its attractiveness, soon led to its general use, and thus relieved the pressure on the Potter's Field. Burials, however, were still permitted there; but in 1855, the inhabitants of Yorkville, having sent in a petition to the Legislature to have the Potter's Field closed as a Cemetery, their request was granted, and an Act passed, closing it, and empowering the Trustees to sell the same as soon as the bodies were removed. From this time on, the bodies that had been interred in the Potter's Field were gradually removed by friends and relatives to the other burying grounds of the City; in every case the Trust providing equivalent accommodation in their new Cemetery, the Necropolis, to those willing to avail themselves of it. In 1874, the Legislature gave power to the Trustees to remove any remains which should not, within twenty years from the closing of the Cemetery, in 1855, be removed by relatives or friends. This was done, and the Potter's Field finally closed, in 1875.

The Necropolis.

This, the oldest of the burying grounds now under the management of the Trust, was purchased from the Hon. JOHN MCMURRICH, and those associated with him, for the sum of $16,000, on the 11th July, 1855. It is worthy of note in this connection that the Trust had only available for this purchase, the sum of $1,000, and in order to avoid any mortgage being placed on the property,

which would have prevented burials therein, three members of the then Trust, namely, Messrs. WILLIAM MCMASTER, DAVID PATERSON and JAMES LESSLIE, assumed the personal responsibility of paying the $15,000 required to complete the purchase, and carried the same until the amount was discharged. The property consists of about fifteen acres of land, situated on the west bank of the River Don, north of Winchester Street, and has a commanding and picturesque position. Every advantage has been taken of the surroundings, and the natural slope of the ground towards the river has enabled beautiful terraces to be made, and lovely walks to be laid out. A neat Gothic fence surrounds the property, the main entrance to which is from Winchester Street. On the right of the entrance is the Superintendent's house and office, while on the left is the chapel, a very ornamental building, where service can, if necessary, be held. Immediately facing the entrance is the vault, which, during the past Summer, has been remodelled and repaired, and now forms an ornamental feature of the grounds.

The original extent of the Necropolis soon proved too contracted to supply the wants of a rapidly increasing City, and to meet this difficulty the Trustees, in 1864, purchased from the City the ground adjoining on the south side of Winchester Street, for the sum of $5,314. They at once proceeded to prepare the land so acquired for the purpose of interments, and much labor and money were expended thereon. A fence, similar to that around the Necropolis, was built, the land drained, the grounds opened, and a few interments made. Just at this period, however, those living in the vicinity protested against any enlargement of the Necropolis, and petitioned the City Council to have it turned into a Park. The City Council having agreed to this, the Corporation, by virtue of an Act passed in the year 1871, re-purchased the lands from the Trustees; and it is now one of the City Parks, and

with the Necropolis forms one of the pleasantest places of resort in the City.

The short period of thirty-seven years has been sufficient to fill the Necropolis with its silent inhabitants, and but few lots remain unsold. A ramble through this Cemetery recalls, at almost every step, reminiscences of the past. On stone after stone we read the names of those who, in their day, occupied foremost places in the City, in every walk of life.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

It being impossible to enlarge the boundaries of the Necropolis, by virtue of the amending Act of 1871, giving power to acquire additional land, the Trustees, after some deliberation, decided to purchase the property now known by the above name, and in 1873 they became the owners of the two hundred acres, at a cost of $20,000. This acreage has since been increased, some fifty-three additional acres, lying alongside, having been purchased, in 1883, at a cost of $15,000.

No time was lost after the original purchase was made in getting the grounds into shape: Plans were prepared, a handsome fence erected around the property, walks and drives laid out, bridges built, a commodious vault erected; all at a cost of over $40,000. These improvements were begun in the Spring of 1874, but it was not until July, 1875, that the grounds were in a condition to be used for burial purposes. The Cemetery was formally opened to the public on the 4th day of November, 1876. No special ceremony was held, but the Hon. Wm. McMaster, with the Board of Trustees, met the Citizens on the ground, and a pleasant afternoon was spent in surveying the improvements then made, and listening to the views of the members of the Trust in regard to what was to be done thereafter. The burden of the work, both as to the designing, engineering, laying out, and superintending, was



PUBLIC VAULT—MOUNT PLEASANT.

laid on the shoulders of the Superintendent, Mr. H. A. ENGELHARDT, and it was generally admitted that he had done his work well and in good taste.

The grounds have a frontage on Yonge Street of 1,320 feet, and extend eastward to the Second Concession of the Township of York, a distance of one and a quarter miles —level table-land alternating with hill and dale, while miniature lakes, waterfalls, and running creeks, lend their additional charms. Substantial gravel roads have been constructed, extending five miles throughout the Cemetery and affording ready access to any part of it, while plank walks have been put down wherever necessary.

The large receiving vault stands opposite the north entrance to the grounds, facing Yonge Street, and was built not so much for to-day as the future. It is, in reality, two vaults, separated by a stone wall, each one of which is capable of receiving three hundred coffins. It is built against the slope of one of the hills, and is a substantial stone structure, with vestibule and arches built in Gothic style, resting on columns of Bay of Fundy granite. Special attention was given to the matter of ventilation, which is almost perfect, and the broad aisles between the rows of racks provided for the reception of coffins, afford what is so often absent in such buildings, ample space for funeral obsequies. It is only intended for use in the Winter time, when the ground is covered with snow, or too hard to allow of graves being dug.

When the property was originally acquired, the Superintendent's house stood on the west side of Yonge Street, but within a few years back, a handsome dwelling-house, with offices attached, was erected for him, at the south-west corner of the grounds, and a second entrance opened, which being nearer the City than the one opposite the receiving vault, is now largely used by visitors. The old house, having been re-modelled, is occupied by the Foreman, and in the hot-houses and conservatories built in connection therewith, are raised the flowers made use of

in the Summer time for ornamenting the grounds and private plots.

In the course of time, it is intended that an entrance shall be opened from the eastern side of the grounds, and a continuous road, forty feet wide, be graded and run through the middle ravine, connecting with the front grounds. The gate-house has already been built at the eastern side.

About 65 acres have been laid out in burial lots, and another 50 acres will be ready for use during this coming summer. That already in use has been rapidly taken up, and with its many handsome monuments, presents quite a pleasing and interesting prospect. No fences are allowed around the lots, marble corner-posts, on a level with the sod, alone marking the boundaries, thus securing not only uniformity over the ground, but allowing them to be kept in better order than they otherwise could be.

In the front part of the grounds can be noticed the circular plots of the Masonic order, Independent Order of Oddfellows, and St. Andrew's Society; while the many private plots, scattered here and there, recall the names of well-known people who, within a few years past, were active in the busy life of the City.



Public Vault, Prospect Cemetery—Main Entrance and Chapel, Necropolis—Hay Monument.

Prospect Cemetery.

The rapid growth of the City, especially to the westward, induced the Trustees, some three years ago, to take steps to secure additional land in this direction, which resulted in the purchase of the property now known as THE PROSPECT CEMETERY, on the 13th December, 1887. Up to the time of the Trust taking possession, it was used as farm lands, and extensive alterations and improvements had to be made to render it suitable for the purposes for which it was purchased

It is situated on St. Clair Avenue—immediately to the north of the Davenport Road—and overlooking one of the most picturesque valleys in the vicinity of Toronto. Looking southward and westward from the rising ground in the Cemetery, the Lake for miles can be seen, and the valley of the Humber, with an immense extent of beautifully wooded land extending away to the distant horizon, dotted here and there with scattered villages and towns. The grounds are undulating and well adapted for landscape gardening and ornamentation, and contain 105 $\frac{6062}{10000}$ acres of land, purchased at a cost of $29,040.

The Trust, wishing to take every advantage of the natural beauties of the ground, decided in the early part of the year 1889 to secure the services of Mr. Joseph Earnshaw, C.E., of Cincinnati, U.S., to lay out the grounds, a task which he completed in the summer of the same year, not only to the satisfaction of the Trust, but in a manner that added to the reputation already acquired by him of being foremost in this department of work on the continent. When the trees provided by the planting plan grow to maturity, there is but little doubt that Prospect Cemetery will rank as the first, in point of beauty and situation, of the three Cemeteries under the control of the Trust. The handsome Mortuary which now adorns the grounds was designed by Mr. W. G. Storm, Architect, and was commenced in November, 1889, and completed in the month of May, 1890. It is built of red brick, with

stone ornamentation and abutments, and is quite in harmony with all its surroundings. The Cemetery was opened for interments on the 15th May, 1890, and quite a number have already secured lots.

These valuable properties (The Necropolis, Mount Pleasant Cemetery and Prospect Cemetery) now under the control of the Trust, are the fruit of the foresight, prudence and labor of gentlemen who, sixty-one years ago, purchased, in the public interest, the property which was known as Potter's Field, for the small sum of $300.

The Trust.

A few words, in closing, may not be out of place, in regard to the character of the Trust, and those who have administered it since its inception.

Under the various Acts passed since 1826 down to the present time, granting powers and increased facilities for its due execution, several prominent features in connection with the Trust have never been lost sight of.

The property to be acquired was declared to be, and is to-day, that of the citizens of Toronto, to be administered by a Board of seven Trustees, to be elected in the manner set out in the said Acts.

The Trustees have *no private interest whatever in the Trust*, and all the money acquired from the various Cemeteries, after payment of expenses, is laid out in the enlargement, improvement and beautifying of the grounds.

As mentioned before, the first Incorporators or Trustees were Messrs. PETER PATERSON, JNO. EWART, THOS. CARFRAE, the younger, Dr. THOMAS DAVID MORRISON, and THOMAS HELLIWELL, and they, or the survivors of them, continued in office until 30th May, 1849, when, owing to the death of Mr. PETER PATERSON and Mr. THOS. CARFRAE, the younger, an Act was passed increasing the number of Trustees to seven, and appointing the following as the members of the Trust, namely :



SCOTCH CAIRN—ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY CIRCLE.

—Messrs. JOHN EWART, Dr. THOMAS DAVID MORRISON, and THOS. HELLIWELL, the surviving Trustees; and Messrs. JAMES LESSLIE, DAVID PATERSON, PETER FREELAND, and WILLIAM MCMASTER.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. THOMAS HELLIWELL, and the deaths of Dr. THOS. DAVID MORRISON, and Messrs. DAVID PATERSON and JOHN EWART, a meeting of the Trust was held on the 8th November, 1856, when the vacancies thus created were filled up by the appointment of Messrs. ANDREW TAYLOR MCCORD, THOMAS DICK, RICHARD YATES and JNO. PATERSON.

On the 27th December, 1861, Mr. WM. FREELAND was appointed a Trustee, in the room of Mr. PETER FREELAND, deceased.

Mr. WM. FREELAND having retired from the Board, and Mr. RICHARD YATES having died, about the 18th March, 1868; on the 11th April, 1868, Mr. GEORGE HAGUE and Mr. ROBERT WALKER were appointed Trustees in their places.

On the 21st December, 1870, Mr. GEORGE HAGUE having retired, Mr. JOHN MACDONALD was appointed in his place.

Captain THOMAS DICK, who had for so many years filled the position of a Trustee, having departed this life in 1874, on the 21st day of November, of that year, Mr. JAMES MICHIE was appointed as his successor.

On the 14th June, 1875, Mr. JOHN MACDONALD retired; and on the 8th July, 1875, Mr. ROBERT WILKES was elected to fill his place.

Mr. WILKES did not remain, however, very long on the Trust, retiring from it in the following year, when Mr. WARRING KENNEDY was, on the 24th October, 1876, elected as his successor.

Mr. JOHN PATERSON dying, Dr. H. E. BUCHAN was, on the 25th September, 1880, appointed in his place.

Mr. A. T. MCCORD dying, in September, 1881, Mr. DANIEL E. THOMSON was, on the 13th of same month, elected his successor.

In January, 1883, Mr. JAMES MICHIE departed this life, when the vacant seat at the Trust was filled by the election of Mr. W. B. MCMURRICH, on the 26th of same month.

Mr. JAMES LESSLIE, one of the oldest members of the Trust, having held office since 1849, died on the 19th April, 1885, and his place was filled by the appointment of Mr. JOHN HARVIE, on the 27th day of the same month.

Another old and prominent member of the Trust, Mr. ROBERT WALKER, died in the month of October, 1885, and his son, Mr. R. IRVING WALKER, was elected to fill his place, on the 14th of the same month.

The Hon. WM. MCMASTER, who was the sole surviving member of the original incorporation, and for over a quarter of a century the chairman of the Trust, died on the 22nd September, 1887, and Mr. JOHN CHARLES COPP was elected to fill the vacancy thus created on the 1st October, 1887. At the same meeting, Mr. WARRING KENNEDY was elected the chairman of the Trust.

Mr. ROBERT IRVING WALKER died on the 22nd day of March, 1890, when Mr. JAMES MCGEE was elected to fill his place on the 1st April of the same year.

The Board as now constituted consists of

WARRING KENNEDY, *Chairman.*
Messrs. DR. H. E. BUCHAN,
D. E. THOMSON, Q.C.,
W. B. MCMURRICH, Q.C.,
JOHN HARVIE,
JOHN C. COPP,
JAMES MCGEE.

Prospect Cemetery

Toronto, Canada.



CEMETERIES.

NECROPOLIS.

Is situated at the easterly end of Winchester Street, the front entrance facing Riverside Park, and the eastern part of the grounds overlooking the Don Valley. This is the oldest of the cemeteries of the Trust. This cemetery is not under the perpetual care fund, although any lot owner can take advantage of its provisions. The Winchester Street cars run to the cemetery.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Is situated on the east side of Yonge Street, north of Deer Park, the main entrance being at the north-west end of the grounds. The cars take visitors to North Toronto, and the electric cars of the Metropolitan Street Railway to the entrance. It is four miles from the intersection of King and Yonge Streets.

PROSPECT CEMETERY.

Is situated on the north side of St. Clair Avenue, about a quarter of a mile West of Dufferin-street and north of the Davenport Road. The main entrance on St. Clair Avenue is only about seven minutes' walk from Davenport Station on the Northern Division of the G. T. R.

The great advantages which the lot owners possess in their grounds over nearly all the cemeteries in this country are, the purely benevolent character of the enterprise, and the certainty that all funds must be held sacred for the improvement and ornamentation of the grounds. No profits can be appropriated for any other purpose.

The most important feature is the fact that every lot and grave in the ground under the perpetual care of lots fund, is taken care of by the Corporation, without further expense to the owner. The lawns on all the sections are cut by lawn mowers as often as needed, and persons residing abroad may be assured that their lots are receiving the same attention as are the lots of resident owners.

A survey of the entire grounds of the Corporation is on file

in the office in the city, together with maps of each section; also diagrams of each lot. The diagrams are drawn to scale, and all graves and monumental work accurately indicated. A complete record is kept of all interments.

Persons desiring to purchase lots should visit the Cemetery, where the Superintendent will be found in attendance and give all needed information. After selection has been made they should at once bring their certificates to the city office, and pay for their lots, for which a deed will be given.

General Rules.

The main object of the Trust being now the improvement and embellishment of their Cemeteries, it is with the utmost confidence that they appeal to the citizens to aid them in the carrying out of the following Rules and Regulations, which must be observed:

Sale of Lots.

1. Lots for burial purposes will be sold for cash exclusively at such prices as may be determined upon by the Board, and according to the plans prepared on file in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendents.

2. Lots purchased will be conveyed by the Trust to the purchaser in fee, but such deed will be subject to the following regulations, as if embodied therein in full:

(*a*) No lot shall be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the dead; and no trees within the lot shall be planted, cut down or destroyed, without the consent of the Superintendent.

(*b*) Proprietors shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for a remuneration.

(*c*) All conveyances of lots for burial purposes shall be upon condition that the grantee or grantees under such conveyances shall not sell, transfer, assign or convey any such lot, or any interest therein, without first notifying the Trust in writing of their intention so to do, and furnishing full particulars as to the

name, address, occupation or other description of the party to whom such grantor may desire to sell; and a register of such sale, transfer, assignment or conveyance, is to be kept in the Trustees' transfer book ; and no such transfer shall be made while there are any arrears due upon the said lot to the Trust.

(*d*) The proprietor of each lot shall have the right to erect proper stones, monuments, or sepulchral structures thereon, and cultivate trees, shrubs and plants, to adorn their lots, subject to the approval of the Superintendent; but no trees or shrubs growing in the lot may be removed or injured without the consent of the Superintendent.

(*e*) If any monument, or any structure whatever, or any inscription be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Trust for the time being to be offensive or improper, the said Trust or their agents, shall have the right, and it shall be their duty to enter upon the lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or objects.

(*f*) The owner must observe all the rules and regulations, passed by the Trust, for keeping the lot in order each and every year, if not under the perpetual care fund.

3. Owners may dispose of their lots and have the transfer recorded on the books of the Trust by the payment of two dollars for each transfer, but no transfer will be permitted except with the consent of the Trust, and in Mount Pleasant Cemetery such consent will not be given without the lot being placed under the perpetual care system.

4. All transfer of lots by lot owners are to be executed in duplicate, the transfer to be registered in the registry books kept at the head office of the Trust, and endorsed upon the deed.

5. Before recording in the books of the Trust, the transfer of lots acquired by inheritance, an affidavit or statutory declaration of one or more of the heirs-at-law, proving such heirship, must be deposited with the Trust; in case of a devise, a certified copy of the will should be deposited.

Boundaries of Lots.

6. The owner of each lot shall, on the issue of the deed of the same, erect at his or her own expense, under the direction of the

Superintendent, suitable landmarks of stone at the corners thereof, and shall also cause the number thereof to be legibly and permanently marked on the premises. Such corner posts not to stand above ground more than two inches. And if the proprietor shall omit for ninety days after notice, to erect such landmarks, with the number aforesaid, the Trustees shall have authority to cause the same to be done at the expense of the said proprietor.

7. Fences, railings, walls and hedges in or around lots, are prohibited, but cut stone coping will be allowed, and where used the same shall have a stone foundation at least six feet below the surface of the ground. Fences, railings or hedges in existence at the Necropolis previous to the adoption of these rules, if owner so desires, will be removed free of cost to owners, and a reduction made in the annual charge for the care of such lots after the removal of said obstructions.

Care and Improvement of Lots.

8. All owners of lots are required to keep the same properly graded and turfed, and to have the grass regularly mown and kept free from weeds, and to keep in proper repair all stones or monuments erected on the same ; such work, and such repairs to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. And in order to facilitate the keeping of lots in order, arrangements may be made to have the necessary work done at the following rates (in so far as applicable to the work required to be done) under the direction of the Superintendent, by men in the regular employment of the Trustees, that is to say :—

Mount Pleasant and Prospect Cemeteries.

For cutting grass on Lot 8 x 12 feet, per season	$1 00
" " " Fancy Lot, charge according to size.	
" Sodding a grave, or Fixing for Flowers	50
" Top Dressing Lot 8 x 12 feet, each year	1 00
" " Fancy Lot, according to size.	

Necropolis.

For cutting grass and watering on Lot 9 x 12 feet, per season	$2 00
For same work, single grave	1 00
Sodding a single grave	75
Sodding an ordinary plot, including loam	4 50
Other charges for services as above.	

Where obstructions do not exist, or under rule (7) are removed, the charges will be the same as those at the Mount Pleasant and Prospect Cemeteries.

Flowers and shrubs may be obtained at the different Cemeteries, at the usual rates.

For extensive improvements in lots, special contracts will be made.

9. Gardeners or others employed by lot owners to work on lots, must remove all rubbish which they make, to such places of deposit as are provided for the purpose, and carry on their work under the supervision of the Superintendent.

10. The Superintendent will in all cases, designate the place where materials to be used in erecting monuments or excavating vaults are to be placed during the course of erection or excavation.

11. Implements or materials used in performing any work within the Cemetery, which may be left on any lot or adjacent ground, must be removed by the owner or owners thereof without delay, otherwise the obstruction will be removed by the Superintendent, and the expense charged to said owner or owners.

12. All workmen employed in the construction of vaults, erection of monuments, etc., must be subject to the control and direction of the Superintendent and Agents of the Trustees; and any workman failing to conform to this regulation will not afterwards be permitted to work in the grounds. Masons and stonecutters are required to lay planks on the paths over which heavy materials are to be moved, in order to protect them from injury.

13. Foundations for monuments will be built by the Trust, at the expense of the lot owners, and will be charged for at the following rates:—

1 foot x 2 feet x 5 feet and under	$ 4 00
1 foot 3 inches x 2 feet x 5 feet	5 00
1 foot 6 inches x 2 feet x 5 feet	6 00
2 feet x 2 feet x 5 feet	7 00
2 feet 6 inches x 2 feet x 5 feet	9 00
2 feet 6 inches x 2 feet 6 inches x 5 feet	10 00
3 feet x 3 feet x 6 feet	12 00
3 feet 6 inches x 3 feet 6 inches x 6 feet	15 00
4 feet x 4 feet x 6 feet	18 00
4 feet 6 inches x 4 feet 6 inches x 6 feet	21 00
5 feet x 5 feet x 6 feet	25 00

14. Lettered boards designating graves will not be allowed.

15. No slabs will be allowed unless placed in a horizontal position, and no head or foot stones will be permitted exceeding two feet in height above ground, unless placed in a cut stone base, with stone foundation four feet deep.

No stone shall be erected less than three inches in thickness.

Stones of three inches in thickness, shall not exceed two feet six inches in height, including the base.

Stones of four inches in thickness, shall not exceed two feet nine inches in height, including the base.

Stones of five inches in thickness, shall not exceed three feet in height, including the base.

Stones of six inches in thickness, shall not exceed three feet six inches in height, including the base.

All stones with rough butts shall be set at least two feet below the surface, on a foundation four feet in depth; and such stones shall not be less than four inches in thickness, nor more than two feet in height above the ground.

All monuments, and all parts of vaults that shall be permitted above ground, shall be made of cut stone, granite or marble.

16. No vault shall be erected, wholly or in part above ground without permission of the Trust; and such must be furnished with shelves having divisions allowing interments to be made separately and permanently sealed so as to prevent the escape of unpleasant effluvia. Such portions as are above ground must be faced with cut quarry stone, granite or marble.

17. The walls of vaults shall be confined within the limits of the premises, and they shall be at least 16 inches, if of brick, and 24 inches if of stone, in thickness; the inside crown of the arch shall be at least four feet below the surface of the ground and not less than one foot in thickness, if of brick, and 18 inches, if of stone; and the entrance to the same shall be covered with a stone or iron plate, and these covered with earth, so that the said stone (or iron plate) and earth shall be, at least, 3 feet in depth, and on a level with the surrounding ground. And where the vault is excavated vertically in the side of a hill, there shall be double iron doors with at least a space of 18 inches between the outer and inner doors. The entrance to be indicated by a suitable stone sunk in the ground.

18. No steps to lots or vaults shall be built without special permission first obtained from the Superintendent. The steps must be of solid, cut stone with side pieces, and placed on a good stone foundation.

19. Heavy loads will not be allowed to enter the Cemetery when the roads are in an unfit condition.

20. Persons who make improvements upon their lots after having been graded, thereby disarranging the previous improvements made by the Trust, will be charged the cost of putting the same in order again.

21. All persons are forbid cutting walks, or planting trees upon the margins along the avenues, or upon any other ground belonging to the Trust, except by permission.

22. The Trust reserves the right to prevent the erection of large or other improvements which might interfere with the general effect or obstruct any principal view.

23. Owners who may wish to construct vaults, or to have their boundaries more fully defined, must first apply to the Superintendent on the premises, who must be present to oversee such construction, and whose directions must be conformed to, as well in the said matters as in the making of any improvements whatever, and the said Superintendent is responsible for the enforcement of these and all by-laws and rules, and for the maintenance of decorum in the Cemetery on all occasions.

Interments.

24. The Superintendent shall reside at the Cemetery, and will see that suitable persons are in attendance at every interment.

25. In each case of burial a written statement, giving the name, place of nativity, late residence (with street if person is from the city), date of birth, age, date of decease, disease or cause of death of the person to be interred, place of decease, names of parents (if not an adult), whether single married or widowed, occupation, time of interment, in what lot interred, and name of undertaker, medical attendant and officiating minister, must be furnished to the Secretary of the Trust, that an accurate register thereof may be made. The size on top of coffin or case must be

mentioned, and the location of the graves to be opened should be accurately designated by a diagram drawn on the back of the statement.

26. Notice of each interment to be made shall be given at the Head Office at least six hours of day-light previous thereto, except under special circumstances, as the Trust cannot be responsible for having graves prepared for funerals, unless such notice shall be given.

27. No disinterment will be allowed in any lot or grave without an order from the owner thereof.

28. Every order for interment must be signed by the proprietor or his or her agent.

29. No grave or vault shall be opened for interment, or removal, by any person not in the employ of the Trust.

30. No grave shall be opened nearer than six inches from the boundary line of the lot.

31. When more than one interment is made in the same grave, the last shall have at least four feet of earth over the coffin. Only two interments permitted in the same grave, except in the common ground.

32. No burial shall be allowed in any lot against which there shall appear charges due and unpaid.

33. Particulars of death or Doctor's certificate must be brought to the Head Office before interment is permitted. The Doctor's certificate will be registered free from charge according to law.

(*a*) Persons ordering graves will be held responsible for charges incurred.

(*b*) All charges to be paid at the Head office before interment is made.

Opening a grave for an Adult, coffin shape	$2 00
" " " casket "	3 00
" " for a Child under 10 years	1 50
An Adult's Single Grave, coffin shape	8 80
" " " " casket shape	9 80
A Child's " "	5 80
A Pauper Adult's Grave	3 00
" Child's "	2 00

Interments in Pauper Graves must be accompanied by a certificate from the Mayor or Reeve.

The Charge for Brick Graves, top and bottom jointed flag, sides 4 inches and ends 8 inches brick wall, laid in cement, is as follows.

Grave	4	ft.	0	in.	long	$25	00
"	4	ft.	6	in.	"	27	00
"	5	ft.	0	in.	"	30	00
"	5	ft.	6	in.	"	32	50
"	6	ft.	0	in.	"	35	00
"	6	ft.	6	in.	"	40	00
"	7	ft.	0	in.	"	45	00
"	7	ft.	6	in.	"	50	00

A charge of 50 cents extra for opening a child's grave, and a charge of $1.00 extra for opening an adult's grave, will be made in each year, from 15th December to 1st April, inclusive.

Vaultage Charges.

34. Interments in the receiving Vault may be made, subject to the following charges, namely :

For receiving and discharging each body, Adult	$2 00
" " " " of Child under 10 years	1 50
For still-born Infants	1 00
" use of Vault per month, or part of month, for persons 10 years of age or over	50
For use of Vault per month, or part of month, for persons under 10 years of age	25

35. All bodies to be removed from Vault by first of May in each year.

36. Bodies of persons dying of contagious diseases will not be placed in Vault, but must be interred, and shall not be disinterred except on the certificate of the City Medical Health Officer.

Sunday Interments.

37. The Burying Grounds under the control of this Trust will be closed against Sunday interments, except in cases of extreme necessity, such as where there is danger of contagion or infection ;

and then only upon a certificate from the attending physician that there is such danger, and that it is absolutely necessary that the interment should take place.

Public Plots.

38. No monuments will be allowed in these lots except slabs laid upon the grave, or thick headstones not exceeding two feet in height above the ground. Neither slabs nor headstones shall be more than two feet wide for adults, and eighteen inches for children.

39. The purchaser of a grave in any public plot, wishing to use the same for more than one burial, shall pay the usual cost for opening graves for each and every interment. Where lots are afterwards purchased, the full cost of the grave vacated, will be allowed after deducting the expenses for originally opening the grave and for the disinterment of the remains.

Neglected Lots.

40. The Superintendent shall, on or before the first Monday in May each year, report to the Trust a list of all lots which may be so much out of repair as to detract from the general good appearance of the Cemetery, upon which the proprietors of said lots or other persons interested therein, shall be notified by the Secretary of their condition, and be urgently requested to put them in repair.

41. In case any owner of a lot shall, after notice, by the Secretary requesting him to do so, refuse or neglect to keep his lot and any stone or monument erected thereon in proper condition or in good repair to the satisfaction of the Superintendent as aforesaid, the Trust may cause such lot to be put into proper condition, and such stone or monument to be repaired as may be satisfactory to the Superintendent, and may do so, when and as often as the said grounds shall require to be put in proper condition or said stone or monument to be repaired, and the owner shall be liable to pay the cost of such work forthwith; and, in case of non-payment, the Trust, in addition to any remedies given by law for the collection of the same, may from time to time charge up against such lot all such sums as shall have been so expended,

and may, under the provisions of this by-law or rule, prevent any interments in such lot until such charge shall have been paid.

42. The notice in the last preceding by-law or rule may be given personally to the owner of such lot, or, at the option of the Trust, may be mailed to the last known Post Office address of the owner of such lot or his legal representative, and proof of such notice having been so mailed as aforesaid shall be taken to be sufficient proof of such notice having been given.

Rules Concerning Visitors.

43. No horses will be allowed to pass through the grounds at a rate faster than a walk.

44. Driving on the paths less than ten feet wide will not be allowed.

45. Neither Bicycles or Tricycles will be allowed on the grounds.

46. Drivers of carriages at funerals are required to remain in their seats, or by their horses, during the performance of funeral ceremonies.

47. No vehicle or horse shall, upon any pretence whatsoever, be driven upon, or over, a burial plot.

48. Proprietors of carriages and horses will be held responsible for any damage done by them or their drivers, in violation of the rules of the Cemetery.

49. No horse shall be left by the driver unfastened, or where he may do injury.

50. No pic-nic party will be admitted in the grounds.

51. No smoking will be allowed within the grounds.

52. Dogs will not be admitted.

53. All persons are prohibited from picking any flower, wild or cultivated, or breaking any shrub or tree.

54. All persons are prohibited breaking, removing, or displacing rocks in the several rockworks.

55. Fishing, bathing, and washing in the water-courses are strictly prohibited ; also skating upon them in winter.

56. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, defacing, or

injuring any monument, fence, or other structures, or any tree in or belonging to the Cemetery.

57. Any persons disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate any of the foregoing rules, will be compelled instantly to leave the grounds.

58. The gates are opened for entrance at 7 a.m., and closed, except for egress, in the winter at 7 p.m., and in summer 8 p.m.

59. No money shall be paid to any person in the employ of the Trust, in reward for any personal services or attention.

Perpetual Care of Lots.

60. All lots are now sold, subject to perpetual care, a certain portion of the purchase money being carried to the credit of the Perpetual Care of Lots Fund. The interest of this is paid out annually for keeping the lots in good order and condition, cutting the grass and trimming the trees and shrubbery.

61. The Trust will receive any lots sold prior to the adoption of this plan, to its benefits on receipt of a sum equivalent to 15c. per square foot, and 3c. per square foot for sodding.

62. Should any lot owner desire any extra care or labor on his or her lot, over and above the services guaranteed under the Perpetual Care of Lots contract, such as planting, cultivating or watering trees, shrubs or flowers, or watering lots or grass, he can secure these by the payment to the Treasurer of such sum annually as may be agreed upon, or of such a sum that the annual interest at 4% per annum will cover the cost or expense of the same.

63. Lot owners may at all times make arrangements for the purchase and planting of flowers on lots from the conservatories of the Trust on the scale of prices fixed by the Board, by application to the Superintendent.

64. All moneys received for the purpose of keeping lots in repair, shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the "Perpetual Care of Lots Fund," and shall be kept invested, under the direction of the Trust, on such security as may be approved.



MICHIE MONUMENT—MOUNT PLEASANT.

Charges—Extra Work.

65. The following shall be the prices for the work as hereinafter set out. All charges must be paid at the Head Office, corner Bay and Richmond Sts.

For men in the employ of the Trust—the charge for extra work will be at the rate of 20c. per hour.

For flower beds cut and furnished with flowers, a charge according to size of bed, number and quality of flowers.

Monuments.

In regard to monuments, too much care cannot be exercised to insure permanency. The foundations must be carefully laid and be not less than six feet deep—the usual depth of graves. The stone of which the structure is made should be free from visible defects, and if possible, of sufficient size to extend across the entire structure. Monuments composed of common masonry, and framed with thin slabs of marble or stone, will not last. It is a species of veneering that will soon exhibit the effects of the severe exposure to which it is subjected—nor will even the solid stone long endure, unless it be made to lie on what is termed, its natural bed. Most kinds of stone or marble are composed of strata or layers, not unlike the leaves of a book. If the stones are placed edgewise, or vertically, so as to expose the strata unfavorably to the action of the atmosphere and the frost, the seams will, in time, separate, and the whole structure eventually fall into ruin and decay.

TOMBS.

The preceding remarks will apply with greater force, to tombs built in part or totally above ground. In such structures, particular care is needed in the plan and construction which must be adopted. The stones of which they are built should frequently be of sufficient length to extend through the wall—not mere slabs set up on edge, forming no bond of union between the outer and inner surfaces. Where angles occur, each alternate course should be composed of solid stones, cut to the angle required, so as to effectually prevent a separation of the walls. When placed on the hill-side, the parts above the natural surface of the ground should be of cut stone, the sides as well as the front, so as to avoid

all artificial embankments and sodding. The natural form of the hill will thus be preserved ; unsightly artificial mounds will be prevented ; and the expense of frequently renewing and repairing embankments will be avoided. The foundation wall should be in depth not less than three feet, nor should the side walls in any place be of less thickness than two feet. The roof should always be of a granite or hammer-dressed blue stone, each side to be in one stone,—let three inches into the cornice and coping, with saddle-back coping on the bridge. The interior of the tombs should be fitted up with shelves, constructed so as to admit of each coffin being tightly and permanently sealed at the time of interment with tablets of stone or marble, ready prepared with the inscription desired. Thus furnished, no unpleasant effluvia will be perceived, nor will any re-interment of the remains be necessary, as in other cases, after the coffins shall have decayed.

VAULTS.

Vaults under ground should be built of stone walls at least 18 inches thick, and on the inside with hard bricks four inches thick, leaving a space of two inches between the stone wall and brick-work to prevent dampness ; or of brick-work of two thicknesses, having a twelve-inch wall on the outside, and an eight-inch wall on the inside, leaving a two-inch interval,—these walls to be twelve inches thick, carefully cemented over and then covered with asphaltum, to render them water-tight, and all laid in the best cement. The importance of special attention on the part of lot owners to the particulars contained in the preceding suggestions, has been strongly impressed on the Trustees. In our former places of interment, as well as in the cemeteries of other cities, may be seen both in failure and success, how essential it is that durable material should be used, that the right mode of construction should be adopted, and that the execution of the work should be thorough and complete.

VARIETY IN MONUMENTS.

As the permanency of monuments on their enclosures is, and will be essential to the proper appearance of the grounds, so are symmetry and variety of form necessary to the production of a permanently pleasing effect. Nothing can lead more directly to



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render these grounds tame and uninteresting than the frequent recurrence of the same, or similar, forms of monuments and tomb-fronts. To prevent this result slight alterations in particular features have been made in other cemeteries, but still, only resulting in monotony and not in pleasing variety. The mistakes which have been made in other places the Trustees hope to avoid in this new cemetery.

PRESERVATION OF IMPROVEMENTS.

The Trust is empowered by law to receive gifts or bequests for the preservation of improvements as well as for the general benefit of the Cemetery.

To this important provision the Trust call the attention of those who may have become lot owners. They can hardly imagine that the feeling which has prompted a costly purchase and erection would be unaccompanied with the desire that a spot, on which so much has been expended should always be kept in neatness and repair.

To the very natural wish that one's own final place of repose should be decent and respectable, a motive is added by our regard for the memory of others. But lots and monuments will not take care of themselves. No pain or expense on the outset—no solidity of material—no thoroughness of workmanship—is proof against the perpetual tendencies to deformity and decay. In cases of this sort, the action of nature may prove unfriendly alike in processes of growth and decomposition. Trees, shrubs, briars, and weeds soon fill a neglected lot with their tangled and squalid growth. Iron will grow rusty, and at length fall apart. Headstones or monuments are seldom placed so firmly as to defy forever the powerful forces that are constantly at work to weaken and throw them down ; and the Trust believes that many who will provide a resting place for themselves and their kindred, will gladly insure their lots and improvements against such effacing and destroying influences. They know that they cannot be always on the spot to watch the beginning and progress of decay, and do not forget that their own personal care can, at the best, continue but a little while. It is still less to be expected that those who may come after them should do what they have failed to accomplish.

SHRUBBERY.

In the selection and placing of trees and large shrubs, good judgment and taste should prevail. A very beautiful effect may be produced by appropriately grouping trees; so arranging size, form and color, that will harmonize and contrast favorably with the surrounding shrubbery. If attention be not paid to these features, the most beautiful landscape will be marred, and common observation shows that such results in the transplanting of trees are often witnessed.

Discrimination should also be exercised in selecting smaller shrubbery and flowers, that they may be suitable to the purpose for which the grounds are set apart. To arrange a burial plot as one would plant a flower garden is, to say the least, in very questionable taste.

Care ought to be taken that too many flowers are not set out and that the varieties and colors of such as are selected are appropriate; nothing coarse or incongruous with the object or place should be chosen. Those which are delicate in size or color should be selected. Such as are simple and unobtrusive, and particularly those which are symbolical of friendship, affection and remembrance, seem most fitting to beautify the place of graves. But there is nothing so neat and clean, nothing so pleasing at all seasons, and to all eyes, as a closely-shaven green sward.

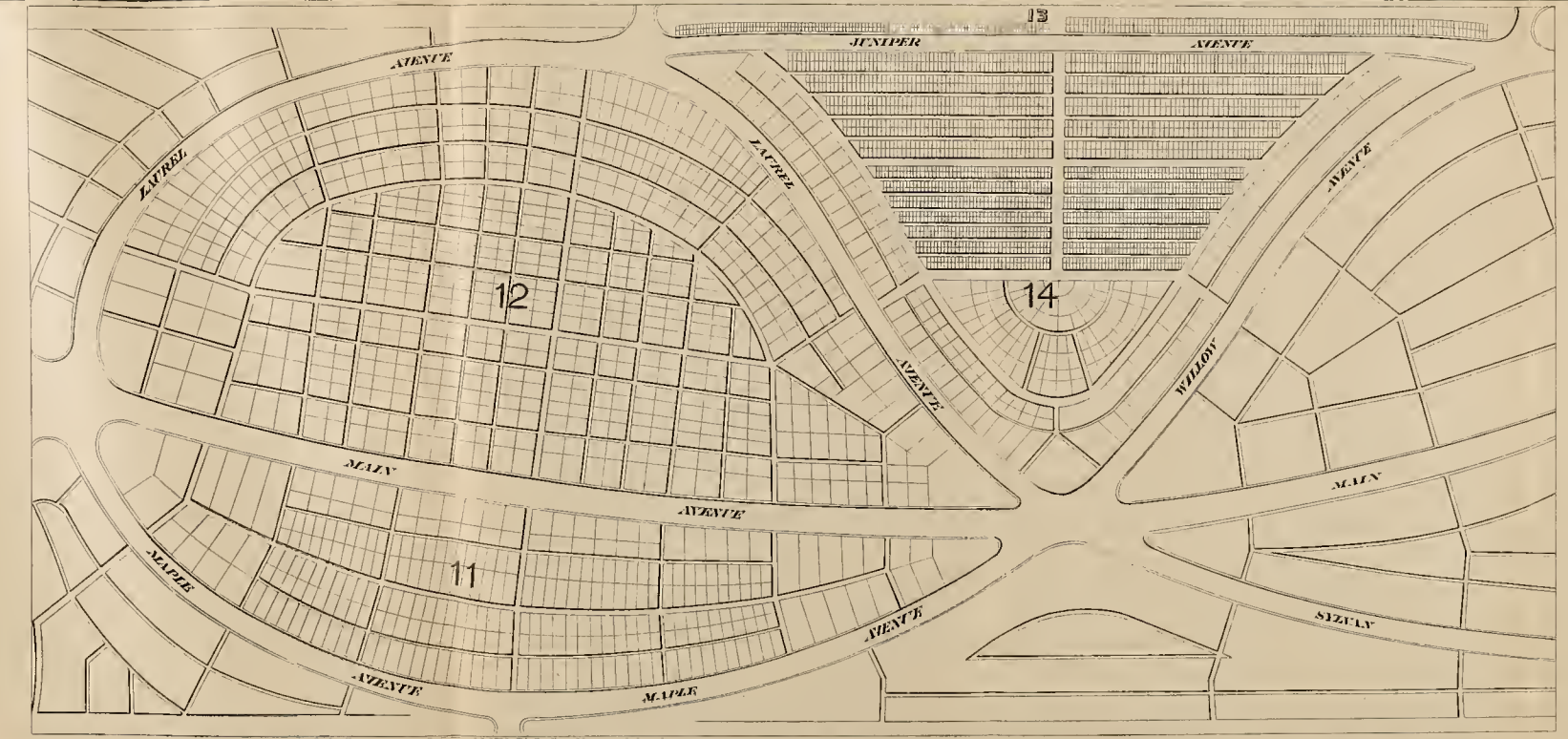
FORM OF BEQUEST

OF MONEY FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds, the sum of..... Dollars, to have and to hold the same to the said The Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds, and their successors, upon trust, however, to keep the same invested, in accordance with their general rules and regulations; and to apply the income thus arising therefrom, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, to the repair, preservation or renewal of the monument or grave-stone; or for planting and cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers or plants, and keeping the grass cut in or around Lot number in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery (or Necropolis) of the said Corporation.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds Trust, such sum of money as may be necessary to obtain from said corporation, a receipted obligation for the perpetual care of my lot, No. , Section in said Cemetery.



Prospect Cemetery

SECTIONS

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